2 ST) were found eligible to sit in the departmental examination. One more SC candidate who did not fulfil the condition of possessing the minimum length of service prescribed for the post was allowed to appear in the departmental examination, in anticipation of the approval for relaxation of the condition regarding minimum length of service. Since no relaxation in this regard was found possible, the SC candidate who was allowed to take the departmental examination though not fulfilling the minimum eligibility condition was not promoted to the post of Superintendent (Admn.) on the basis of the departmental examination.

Teachers Appointed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Specially for North-East Region

1913. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been recruiting teachers for posting in the different States of North-Eastern Region, every year and some time specially also;

(b) if so, what is the total number of teachers of different categories recruited by the Sangathan during the preceding three years for North-East Region; and

(c) what is the percentage of teachers recruited, who do not belong to North-East Region vis-a-vis those who belong to this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Recruitment of teachers is made by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan every year through an open all-India advertisement. Panels are drawn Region-wise and not State-wise. Special Recruitment for North-Eastern Region was made only once in 1984.

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) No such statistics is maintained by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Discontinuation of Mangla Express and Himsagar Express

1914. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have discontinued Mangla Express (Nizamuddin-Cochin) and Himsagar Express (Jammu-Kanyakumari) following the conversion of Kerala Express into a daily service and thereby resulting in loss of one trip in a week for Keralites;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Kerala bound trains were always running to full capacity; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to compensate the loss of total availability of accommodation in this route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Though the trains as mentioned have been cancelled, the overall availability of accommodation between Delhi and Kerala has improved following increase in frequency of Kerala Express to daily. The Himsagar Express did not have adequate through traffic from Kanyakumari/Jamu Tawi.

Construction of passenger platforms

1915. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: ?1

(a) what are the names of stations where new pasenger platforms have been constructed during the last three years and till date, year-wise, division-wise and zone-wise;

(b) what are the names of the stations where the goods/parcel platforms converted into passenger platforms, year-wise, in each Division of every Zonal Railways; and

(c) what are the names of stations where metre gauge platforms have been converted into B. G. platforms from July, 1984 to September, 1987 in each Division of every Zonal Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Stalls allotted to handicapped persons at railway stations

1916. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the handicapped applicants considered sympathetically for allotment of vending licence for sale of State Government Lottery tickets, miscellaneous and general goods stalls etc. at Railway stations in each Zonal railway upto September, 1987; and

(b) what are the details with names of stations, zone-wise, where such licensed stalls allotted to handicapped persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Information in this form is not maintained.

(b) Information regarding allotments of stalls to handicapped persons during last 3 years is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Bookstall allotted on platform 2-3 at Jammu-Tawi railway station

1917. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 3113 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th September, 1981 and state:

(a) what is the name of the firm which was allotted a bookstall on platform number 2-3 at Jammu-Tawi Station;

(b) what is the date from which the bookstall started functioning on that platform; and

(c) what are the details of other stalls functioning on platform number 2-3 at Jammu-Tawi station including bookstalls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) It was decided by Northern Railway not to allot the bookstall to any Firm.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) One Juice stall, one miscellaneous articles stall, one Roti stall and one Puri stall are functioning at platform No. 2/3 at Jammu-Tawi station.

Appointment of Blind as Lecturer in Central Universities

1918. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of blinds appointed as Lecturers in Delhi University, Jamia Millia University, Jawahar Lal Nehru University during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): According to the information furnished by the concerned Universities, the number of blind persons appointed as Lecturers in the three Universities during the last three years is as follows:—

Jamia Millia University	—	Nil
Jawaharlal Nehru University	—	Nil
Delhi University	—	1